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SUBJ ZAMBIAN COPPER SHIPMENTS DELAYED

1. ACCORDING TO BANK OF ZAMBIA GOVERNOR, LUKE MWANANSHIKU, ZAMBIAN COPPER SHIPMENTS ARE BACKLOGGED AT THE PORT OF DAR ES SALAAM CAUSING ZAMBIA SEVERE REVENUE PROBLEMS. MWANANSHIKU SAID ZAMBIA NORMALLY EARNS ABOUT DOLS 72 MILLION PER MONTH FROM COPPER EXPORTS BUT THAT RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF MAY ANOUNTED TO ONLY DOLS 1.3 MILLION. WITHOUT THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE THE BANK SIMPLY COULDN'T PAY FOR NEEDED IMPORTS SUCH AS OIL, LUBRICANTS, AND ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES. "IF COPPER CAN MOVE, MY PROBLEMS WILL BE LIGHTER. BUT AT THE MOMENT, THOUSANDS OF TONS OF COPPER ARE STUCK AT THE PORT."

2. MINISTER OF MINES CHINKULI HAD PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED THAT 99,000 TONS OF COPPER VALUED AT OVER DOLS 120 MILLION WERE STRANDED ALONG THE TAZARA RAILWAY BECAUSE THE PORT AT DAR HAD INADEQUATE CAPACITY TO SHIP THE CONSIGNMENTS. ADDITIONAL COPPER IS ALSO PILING UP AT THE MINES BECAUSE OF PORT PROBLEMS.

3. THE DIFFICULTIES WERE AGGRAVATED BY THE PULLOUT OF THREE SUBCONTRACTORS OF ZAMBIA-TANZANIA ROAD SERVICES WHO REMOVED 400 VEHICLES FROM THE SERVICE BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES IN
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EXTERNALIZING PAYMENTS FROM ZAMBIA. THE GOVERNOR OF THE BANK SAID THAT DOLS 360,000 HAD BEEN RELEASED TO THE SUBCONTRACTORS LAST WEEK BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THEIR TRUCKS ARE BACK ON THE ROAD.
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